

REMARKS

This application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the Office Action dated April 5, 2010. Reconsideration of that action is requested in view of the following:

All of the claims were previously rejected as obvious over the prior art. Examiner Kosack, however, commented that "The Applicant could include the addition of 3-pentenitrile to stream 6 to go into column K4 as a limitation to claim 11 to potentially overcome the obviousness rejection." In accordance with this suggestion, claim 11 has been accordingly amended. It is noted that column K4 is referred to in this amendment as a distillation column. Support for this terminology is found, for example, at page 34, line 13 of the Specification.

Since parent claim 11 has been amended along the lines suggested by Examiner Kosack, parent claim 11 and its dependent claims 12-27 should now be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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